

European Women of High Station Scen In Atmosphere of Democracy.

At the Hotel Cap Martin the emperor
of Austria lives in democratic fashion.
I was there yesterday visiting some
friends—from very democratic Chicago
—and we met at frequent intervals during all the morning the once very beau-tiful and still stately empress taking her constitutional walks about the hotel grounds as freely and with as little for-mality as any other guest. Her constant maity as any other guest. Her constant companion is a young Greek student who is teaching her his language. The reigning duke of a German duchy, to whom the emperor gives a friendly nod as they pass each, other by, explains to as that her majesty has an insatiable thirst for knowledge; that she has been giving to a deare. giving to a dozen languages within the past dozen years each a twelvementh in attaining its conversational mastery. She has already made astonishing progress in modern Greek. She certainly a pears to converse fluently with he modest young teacher.

We are further told that she is dres ed and out of doors each morning at a o'clock; that she eats no ment and lives almost entirely upon malk; that she de-places above all things that her health has compelled her to give up her hunt-er; that riding after hounds has been the greatest pleasure of her life. The hour for luncheon has arrived, and we go back to the hotel. The two

princes who are the emperor's gentle main door, evidently expecting some one. A carriage drives up, and a plain one. A carriage drives up, and a plain-ly dressed lady, with two young girls, equally simply dressed, steps out and is escorted into the hetel rotunda. From his apartments opening into it the em-perer comes hastily out, bows to the elder lady as he offers her his arm, is saluted with a courtesy by the two young girls and leads the way to the breakfast room. The curtains part, dis closing the empress awaiting her guests She has taken off her hat and cloak, and we see her truly magnificent hair coiled in a veritable crown above her statuesque face, her figure, famous always for its perfection, still seemingly that of a young matron, although she is a grandmother, and a very sweet smile of

welcome to make the face beautiful.

The visitors are the queen of Naples and her two royal daughters—so styled in the Almanach de Gotha—although there is no longer a kingdom of Naples upon any map. When told by the grand dake who the elder visitor is, we look at her with absorbed interest, for we take her to be that famous queen, wife of Francois II, whom Caribaldi dethroned, and who herself was the heroine, under an obvious pseudonym, of Daudet's mas-ter work, "Les Rois en Exil." But our friend recalls to us that Franceis II died a few months ago, and, having no chil-dren, that the royal (and barren) title passed to his brother. This lady is there-fore that brother's wife, and it appear that the fiction of her queenship is still

maintained as real in the imperial court
of Austria at least.

The beroine of "Les Rois," however
—the brave woman who defended Gaeta
against Garibaldi for so many months
—is herself expected at the hetel within
a few days to visit her sister, the empress. "On the Riviera". Ballend press.—"On the Riviern," Smith in New York World.

Countess de Castellane's Gown.

The steamer gown which the much reported Countess de Castellane provid ed for her trip across to her new home was an excellent model for spring and summer traveling gowns, for women untitled and not supplied with the large amount of income which falls to the lo of this young woman. It was a plain skirt and sleeveless jacket, made with several falling cape collars that conceal the sleeves to the elbow. Six sill blonses were supplied for use with the costume. For the woman who would use the suit six months, instead of six beavier blouse as the season advances The capes are a decided relief to the simplicity of the jacket, and the model with this possibility of indefinite variaone .- New York Correspondent.

Flora Anne Steel.

Mrs. Flora Anne Steel, whose stories of India are a close second in interest to Rudyard Kipling's, is the wife of a retired Indian civilian, and more than 20 years of her married life were spent in India. She has acquired five of the na-tive Indian dialects and can thus pur-sus studies in folklore which even learned philologists who know only the written languages could not accomplish. She is described as "a bright, cheerful, ruddy complexioned little woman, somewhat over 50 years of age, with a fine head of gray hair and a merry twinkle in hor eyes." Mrs. Steel is at present in the Punjab, armed with a camera for the punjab, armed with a camera for the pictures which are to be made into imagic lantern slides to illustrate the magic lantern slides to illustrate the Indian loctures she intends to deliver out her return home next, year.

How to Prepare Woodcocks on Toust.

For six persons there will be required six woodcocks, six slices of stale bread about two inches thick, half a pint of butter, half a tenspoonful of pepper and one tenspoonful of onion juice. Pinck, singe and draw the birds. Save the livers and hearts. Skin the heads and trus-the birds, skewering the legs with the tills. Season with a teaspoonful and a half of salt and half the pepper. Now rub soft butter over the breast, legs and

sides. Place the birds on their backs in a dripping pan and at the proper time cook them for 12 minutes in a hot oven. Arrange them tastefully over the toast. Place in a hot dish and garnish the horder with water crosses and quarters of lemon. Serve immediately Belgium's Queea.

The queen of Belgium is still suffering severely from the recent disagree-able mishap. While visiting the royal stables, according to her frequent cus-tom, and in the net of offering one of er favorite horses a lump of sugar, the minual bit her savagely in the hand and rm. The attack was so unexpected and he shock so great that the queen faint-d. Though inflammation set in and the wounds were serious for a time, they have now healed, leaving, however, the hervous system of the royal lady considerably shattered.

A New Wrinkle In Tea.

A new wrinkle for the ten table is to take a small portion of strong tea, enough for browing a cup, and do it up in a little circular piece of sheerest white or-gandie, tying it tight and pinking the edges and then fluffing them out to coneages and then burning them cut to con-ceal the fastening. One of these is drop-ped into each teacup and the beiling water poured over it. The effect is ex-tremely dainty as well as paintable, and the tea is brewed with more case than is possible when the tea ball is brought nto play and can be served hotter .-

A Dress Hint.

If your street gown shows signs of wear at the bottom or has shortened, as some weelen gowns will do, get some boroules braid and put a band smoothly around the foot of the gown, letting it come down below the material so as to lengthen the skirt. Hold it a little full when putting it on, so that it will not draw. It is quite fashionable and cer-tainly is economical. If you like, you can lengthen the skirt with something and set the braid over that, but the other answers quite as well, and it is less trou-

The Turkish Toe.

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